

# Stamp Chatter

## SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTES - SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

by Ed Rodriguez

When Don Freeman passed away his wife Jean contacted Darlene Hickok to donate some fifty-six boxes of Don's philatelic collection to the Sequoia Stamp Club. Her instructions were that the Sequoia Stamp Club take the collection and sell it at auction with proceeds to the memory of her late husband Don Freeman, and the remainder to be divided equally to benefit the Sequoia Stamp Club and the Sequoia Stamps R Us Youth Group.

Hats off to the crew who spent a great deal of time and effort in sorting out and breaking down the donated collection. That amount of philatelic material requires long, tedious hours. All items will be auctioned at our Silent Auctions, Live Auctions and the PENPEX Silent Auction. Sequoia Club members will have access to bid at any one or all auctions.

The Barbecue Party was well attended by some thirty members. The members and guests seemingly had a good time socializing on a fine warm afternoon. The Club provided the main course, and a lot of salads and desserts were brought by members. A special thanks to Hank Washauer for arranging with the Rec. Center to have the convenience and access to the kitchen and facilities. Make a date on October 19 for

Members Only Pizza Party at Mountain Mikes for details see ad on page 2. 

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE EVENTS DATES

OCTOBER 12 - Special Live Auction (Don Freeman's 50 lots of his Collections)

OCTOBER 19 - Members only Pizza Party

OCTOBER 26 - Lee Levy, (see pg. 5) / Silent Auction with (15 Freeman's lots)

NOVEMBER 9 -Attention (see pg 2) /Live Auction - 50 Lots of Club Members Items

NOVEMBER 23 - Larry Christianson / Silent Auction with (15 Freeman's lots)

DECEMBER 4th and 5th PENPEX SHOW ( see ad on back page )

DECEMBER 14- Christmas Party & No Meeting on December 25 (resume 01- 11- 11)

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### SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB OFFICERS - 2010

**PRESIDENT - Ed Rodriguez, VICE PRESIDENT - Jim Giacomazzi**  
**SECRETARY - Darlene Hickok, Interim Secretary - Tanja Ahrens**  
**TREASURER - Richard Griffone**



### ▼▼▼▼ **ATTENTION** ▼▼▼▼

**Nominations are Open for Offices to be presented to the Membership the First Meeting in November if you are interested in an Office please see the Sequoia Club President.**

### CONDENSED MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS July, August & September 2010

July 13: John Dusel gave a delightful presentation on Roosters on stamps.

July 27: Our President Ed. Rodriguez gave a talk on his birth place in Spain he share covers and art and correspondence having stamps.

August 10: Live Auction was another selling success. If bidding is going on when bell rings it continues until finished. Richard Coleman is interim Youth Chairman and Tanja Ahrens is interim Secretary.

August 24: The discussion that evening was on the late Don Freeman's collection to have a live auction on a particular date so that they could profit the sales on giving the proceeds to Hospices and a percent to the Sequoia Club. ( see upcoming events). A guest visitor was introduced is Jim Katz.

September 14: Our 2nd Swat Meet , Members pay a dollar for a table to sell their philatelic collections.

September 28: The delivering of the Chatter Newsletters to existing members at the meeting and Hank Washauer who gave his presentation "If I Can You Can"

Jim Masso announced a warning and is encouraging to those who is to submit their stamp lots for the upcoming PENPEX Show a popular and successful Silent Auction each year Show Date is Dec. 4 & 5.

SEQUOIA CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
TO JOIN OUR LARGEST STAMP CLUB IN THE BAY AREA THE ANNUAL FEE IS 3 DOLLARS A YEAR.....

Sunshine Chair, Joan Doherty who corresponds & welcomes new members, Joan gives door prize tickets at each meetings two \$5 cash is given away to purpose stamps at silent auction and circuit books .

Silent & Live Auctions Assistance are Steve Morger, Edwardo Martino, Richard Griffone & Jim Giacomassi.

Swap Meets, Gil Goodrich Sequoia Members buy a table for a dollar to sell their collections.

Jim Masso, Brings many Circuit Stamp Books to every meeting for sale.

Leroy Harbaugh Jr., Carries in Philatelic magazines and A to Z Scott Catalogs to check out.

Chris Thompson, Sets up Coffee, Tea & Cookies at every meeting.



### **SEQUOIA CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**



### **"PIZZA PARTY"**

**at Mountain Mikes - October 19 - Tuesday @ 6 pm**

**120 El Camino Rl, San Carlos, 2 blks North from Whipple Ave.**

### **UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS**

**WINEPEX Stamp Show - October 1st & 3rd - Marin Center, San Rafael, CA**

**EAST BAY Collectors Club Show - October 23 - 24 - Civic Center, Walnut Creek, CA**

**SACAPEX - November 6 - 7 Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento**

**PHILATELIC FIESTA - Nov. 12 - 14 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA**



## Exhibiting at PENPEX by Vesma Grinfelds

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Laser Reduction of Original Drawing by Artist Derek Mill



Finished Stamp as Issued

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Trading card ca. 1300s



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Poet/Songwriter



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Princess Diana  
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#### AUTOGRAPHED COVERS WITH MATCHING POSTMARKS!

Come see this special presentation by guest speaker Lee Levy at the October 26th meeting. Over 30 covers from Lee's boyhood collection, including Babe Ruth, Bing Crosby, Earl Warren, Cary Grant, Douglas MacArthur, and other celebrities from the 1940's.

June 28, 2010

Dear Hank,

Thanks very much for your note of June 18. I will not be renewing my membership in the Sequoia Stamp Club for year 2010, as I moved to Arizona in September of 2009 and have joined the Prescott Stamp Club here. It is an active club but by no means as energetic as the Sequoia Stamp Club. The main activities are a monthly auction and optional luncheon. Unlike the Sequoia club, there are no monthly general meetings, no youth program, and absolutely nothing comparable to Perpetex or Westperx. Also, unlike the Bay Area, there are no stamp dealers in north central Arizona. The closest dealers are in the Phoenix metropolitan area, some 85 miles to the south of here.

(Over)

Since we do not have a youth program here, I am enclosing herewith a packet of duplicate stamps from a mixture that I bought recently. Could you do me the great favor of passing it on to the interim Youth Committee Chairperson at the Sequoia Club, Richard Coleman?

The Sequoia Stamp Club is a fine group of philatelists and friends, and one doesn't appreciate all the goodness that it generates until one has moved from the Bay Area. Collectors such as Ernie Lee and Bill Dutcher were very special and extraordinary folks, and it was my pleasure to be in the club with them.

Please convey my best wishes to all the members of the club and my hopes to you for another successful Perpetex show and event this year. Cordially,

Loren Singh

This is a letter from a former Sequoia Stamp Club Member: Loren Singh, who had moved from the Bay Area last year 2009 and is now a resident in Arizona.



## Charles Schutz by Marsha Brandsdorfer



Charles Schulz's comic strip "Peanuts" has become an influential element of international pop culture. Peanuts comic strip characters can be found on postage stamps throughout the world.

Cartoonist Charles Schulz began his modest beginnings on November 26, 1922 in Minnesota. He was the only child to Carl Schulz, a barber, and his mother Dena Schulz. Schulz was quite shy and reserved. Drawing gave him comfort. His father recognized his son's talent and paid for Charles to take a correspondence class to better his craft. Ironically Charles became employed as an instructor by the same correspondence school as an adult after he returned from active duty with the U.S. Army.

Charles developed the comic strip "Peanuts" (originally entitled "Li'l Folks"), which was placed in a few newspapers by a syndicate. Charles Schulz borrowed the name of his main character Charlie Brown from a fellow instructor, Charlie F. Brown. As he added other characters throughout the existence of the comic strip, he borrowed other names and/or characteristics from people he met during his life. Charles Schulz related himself best to his main character Charlie Brown as he felt himself misunderstood, as did his Charlie Brown character.

As years went on, Schulz became a popular cartoonist and eventually was able leave his position at the correspondence school to work full time on his comic strip. However, he never got over being the sad, lonely boy he was as a child. Despite his talent and growing popularity, his relatives and people in the community often felt that he should be doing more with his life than drafting "silly" comics, and this feeling of inadequacy haunted him throughout his life. Later he and his wife Joyce moved with their children to California where it seemed that his career as a professional cartoonist would be more acceptable.

He enjoyed golf and skating so he opened the Redwood Empire Ice Arena in April 1969 in Santa Rosa, California. He felt that the arena reminded him of his boyhood days raised in Minnesota. However, other than the arena and golfing, Schulz did not have much enthusiasm to do other things besides sitting at the drawing board. This created tension in his marriage. His wife Joyce was dissatisfied in his lack of lust for life and Schulz found her too bossy and demanding. This led to the dissolution of their marriage. Eventually Joyce remarried, as did Charles Schulz. Schulz continued his comic strip until he was diagnosed with colon cancer and his health depreciated. He declared his retirement in January 2000, and he died only a month later on February 12, 2000 peacefully in his sleep.

I read and gathered my research for this article from David Michaelis' detailed biography, "Schulz and Peanuts," which I recommend to those who would like more information.





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Ed Rodriguez giving his presentation on Spain July 27, the empty chair in the foreground is Hank Washauer's who was taking this photo shot.



See the Arms diggin' into Armadillo Willies tasty BBQ ribs, steaks, chicken & sausage was served at the Picnic on Aug 12 and the side dishes of yummy salads and desserts provided by the Members.



Bring your Child to join up with "STAMPS R US" Youth Group contact Darlene Hickok and Richard Coleman at the PENPEX Stamp Show





## THE CABOOSE

Dear PENPEX volunteers and attendees,

The "big" show is coming rain or shine the first weekend in December. There are still things to do. The exhibit entry form is included in this issue or can be downloaded from [www.penpex.org](http://www.penpex.org).

I will be entering a new 4-frame exhibit since PENPEX is a great venue to get initial feedback and I like having my friends see my wares.

The 4-page club entries will be starting with the letter "I" as in Ireland, Infinitely Difficult to Find, or Indigo Printed Stamps. For those who still think 4-pages are a lot of work, a new "My Favorite Things" class will be introduced this year. This class consists of one page. Yes, just one page that shows your favorite item or set of items and tells the attendees what makes the item special to you. This is a non-competitive class and will not be judged. Each club member is allowed to enter up to four entries. See a sample at the right.

The PENPEX silent auction is an anticipated and great attraction with over 500 lots from all over the world. But it is only as good as the lots that are entered by club members. Jim Mosso is now accepting lots.

PENPEX has one position still open and that is the Awards Banquet Chair. A private room at Harry's Hofbrau has already been reserved. But we need someone who enjoys planning parties to help us set up the banquet room and distribute tickets. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out with the banquet, contact me.

On the Friday before the show, help will be needed to set up tables, chairs, and exhibit frames. During the show, help is needed at the welcome table, youth area, snack bar, and silent auction. Please contact the chairperson listed in the table on the right if you are available to help.

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m.** for a PENPEX committee meeting. It will be held in Room 1 of the RC Community Activity Center. This is the final meeting before the show and is open to everyone.

See you all December 4 and 5, 2010. The show opens at 10 am each morning and closes Sat. 5:30 pm and Sun. 4:00 pm.

Kristin Patterson, PENPEX Chairperson

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### A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

#### Examples of a DOUBLE FORGERY

These two forgeries of British stamps were produced by Germany during World War II.

They are part of a series of 12 which parodied a set of British stamps which featured the likeness of King George VI.

In the forgeries, the jewel at the top of the crown has been replaced by the Jewish Star of David.

The second forgery is the London cancellation shown on each stamp.



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Awards Banquet	open
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Frames	Eduardo Martino
Silent Auction	Jim Mosso
Facility	Kristin Patterson
Cachet/Cancels	Miriam Thurston
Photographs	Hank Washauer
Snack Bar	Leroy Bertsch and John Dusel
Seminars	Ed Rodriguez
Public Relations/ Publicity	Jim Giacomazzi



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**PENPEX STAMP SHOW**

DECEMBER 4th & 5th

Saturday 10 am to 5:30 pm - Sunday 10 am - 4pm

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BUILDING

1400 Roosevelt St - Redwood City, CA

..... FREE PARKING .....

Stamp Dealers- Stamp Exhibit - Silent Auction -Youth Corner

UN + US Postal Service - Door Prizes and Refreshments

Awards Banquet Saturday Evening in San Mateo

For further information ([www.penpex.org](http://www.penpex.org).)

**PENPEX Show Cover Cachet**

**will be 100 year Anniversary of**

**"BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" 1910 - 2010**

**and 100 year Commemorative of "MOTHER TERESA"**

**a Humanitarian and a Nobel Peace Prize**




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